GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:598
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PARTICIPATION OF NGOs IN NATIONAL MISSION ON BIO- DIESEL
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Mission on Bio-Diesel is proposed to take up plantation of Jatropha and Pongamia on waste, degraded and marginal land belonging to forests, road, rail, canal bunds and common land owned by panchayats;

(b) if so, the hectares of land identified for the purpose by National Mission of Bio-Diesel, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to involve Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/individuals for plantation of Jatropha and Pongamia;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the further steps to be taken to promote plantation of Jatropha and Pongamia alongwith funds made/to be made available to each State for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. It is proposed to take up Jatropha and Pongamia plantations on public wastelands under the demonstration phase of the National Mission on Bio- Diesel. It is estimated that 32.29 million hectares of wastelands are suitable for plantations of these bio-diesel plants. A statement indicating the category-wise wastelands suitable for this purpose is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) Since plantations under the demonstration phase of the National Mission on Bio-Diesel would be taken up o n public wastelands, there is no proposal to involve NGOs/individuals at this stage.

(e) The proposed demonstration phase of the National Mission on Bio-diesel including nursery raising, plantation in 5 lakh hectares of wastelands, research & development and awareness, publicity and capacity building is estimated to cost Rs.1304 crores. As a kick-start programme, Rs.49 crore have been released to 9 identified States for Jatropha nursery raising during 2005-06. A statement indicating State-wise releases is at Annexure-II. A budget provision of Rs.50 crore has been made during 2006-07 for continuation of the nursery programme in the remaining States.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha unstarred question No. 598 due for answer on 2nd March, 2007.

Category of Wasteland as in Wastelands Atlas/Ownership (Mill.Ha)	Total Area in the Country that is available under each category	Minimum criteria in a state	States
Gullied/Ravinous-Shallow Cat.01/Community (Predominantly Government)	1.03	Exceeding 10,000 ha.	AP, Bihar, Gujarat, J&K, Jharkhand, MP, Maharashtra, Orisswa, Rajasthan, TN, UP (11 States)
Land with Scrub	15.05	Exceeding	AP, ARP, Assam,

Cat.04/Community (Predominantly Government and Panchayats)	1 lakh or 0.1 million ha.	Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, HP, Jharkhand, KTK, MP, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal (18 States).	
Land without Scrub Cat. 05	3.74 1 lakh or 0.1 mill ha.	Exceeding Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, MP, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, TN (9 States)	AP, ARP,
Saline/Alkaline- Slight Cat.10/Mainly private	0.41 5000 ha.	Exceeding Rajasthan, TN, UP (5 States)	Bihar, Maharashtra,
Shifting Cultivation- Abandoned Cat.11/Community	1.22 0.1 mill ha.	Exceeding Mizoram (3 States)	Assam, Manipur,
Degraded Forest- Scrub Cat.13/Government	10.84 ha.	0.2 mill Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, MP, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, TN (12 States).	AP, Assam, Bihar, J&K,
Total	32.29		

Annexure-II

Statement referred to in reply to Part (e) of Lok Sabha unstarred question No. 598 due for answer on 2nd March, 2007.

Sl. No.	State	Target Saplings (crore)	Funds released (Rs. crore)
1	Gujarat	1.50	4.50
2	Andhra Pradesh	3.58	10.75
3	Chattisgarh	6.25	13.50
4	Rajasthan	2.25	0.75
5	Himachal Pradesh	0.50	1.50
6	Tamil Nadu	3.50	10.50
7	Sikkim	0.50	1.50
8	Assam	1.50	0.50
9	Tripura	1.00	3.00
TOTAL		18.08	49.00